

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1314
By Godsey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Corporal Robbie Glen
Light of Kingsport.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Corporal Robbie Glen Light, a courageous member of the United States Army who gave his life in the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, following in the patriotic tradition for which Kingsport, Sullivan County, and the Volunteer State are renowned, Corporal Robbie Glen Light was a brave and honorable member of the United States Army's 1st Battalion, 67th Armored Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division based in Fort Hood, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Robbie Glen Light, who was twenty-one years of age, lost his life when his tank hit an improvised explosive device while on patrol south of Baghdad, on May 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, a 2002 graduate of Sullivan South High School, Corporal Light was deployed to Iraq from Fort Hood, Texas, in December of 2005, less than two months after marrying Elizabeth Baker Light, also of Kingsport; and

WHEREAS, Robbie Glen Light enlisted in the Army in the spring of 2003, and had previously served a six-month tour in Iraq during 2003 and 2004; Corporal Light was deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and like thousands of others of this great nation's sons and daughters, Robbie Glen Light did not shrink from serving in combat; he believed in the justice of the cause to protect our national security and liberty and to free the Iraqi people from the chains of injustice; and

WHEREAS, serving with great courage and gallantry, Corporal Light gave his life for his country and the cause in which he believed, and for that ultimate sacrifice, he deserves proper recognition; and

WHEREAS, Robbie Glen Light's dedication to excellence in the military and his love of family, his fellow soldiers, and his country are exemplified in his sacrifice of life itself in defense

of all that he held dear and stand as enduring examples of all the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; and

WHEREAS, Robbie Glen Light's former teachers at Sullivan South High School, where he also played football, remember Robbie as a "responsible and caring young man" who "had a super personality and a really good sense of humor"; and

WHEREAS, Robbie Glen Light is the son of Robert and Beverly Light, Kingsport natives currently residing in Afton, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the due date for Robbie and Elizabeth's daughter, Ashlyn, is May 26, and Robbie was scheduled to return home to Kingsport on leave in time for his daughter's birth; and

WHEREAS, this valiant Tennessean leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly should pause to remember the singular patriotism, courage, and commitment to duty of this exceptional soldier and human being, the late Corporal Robbie Glen Light, United States Army, whose loss is mourned by a grateful nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Corporal Robbie Glen Light, a man of impeccable character, limitless courage, and stalwart commitment to the defense of his nation as a member of the United States Army, reflecting fondly upon his bravery and dedication to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and friends of Corporal Robbie Glen Light.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.